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The amendment document filed in Paper No. 18 on Aug. 12, 2003, is considered to be non-compliant because it fails to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be resubmitted.

The amendments to claims 14 and 20 are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, because the amendments try to amend claims not are present in the instant specification. Originally filed claims 14 and 20 have not been previously amended. For example, the amendment to claim 14 tries to delete subject matter that was never present in claim 14. The amendment to claim 14 twice deletes the phrase "at least one roller" and deletes the phrase "of the at least one roller." Said phrases were

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never present in claim 14. See originally filed claim 14. Applicants cannot delete subject matter that was not present in the claim.

37 CFR 1.121 states that "[t]he text of all claims being currently amended must be presented in the claim listing with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version" (emphasis added).

Since the amendments to the claims appear to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicants are given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** from the mailing date of this notice within which to re-submit corrected amendments to the claims which comply with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (703) 308-3625. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

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